

C1 object's neutral object-oriented image data is processed separately and may be rendered differently from the object's non-neutral object-oriented image data.

2. (Twice Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said neutral processing circuit comprises:

- a black processing circuit to process the black object-oriented image data;
- a grey processing circuit to process the grey object-oriented image data; and
- a white processing circuit to process the white object-oriented image data.

3. (Twice Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said neutral processing circuit processes only the black, grey, and white object-oriented image data according to a selected feature set.

C2 8. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein an image object comprises text, graphic, bitmap or photographic.

4. (Twice Amended) A method for processing object oriented image data, wherein object-oriented image data comprises image data pertaining to an image object,, comprising:

C3 (a) parsing the object oriented image data into non-neutral object-oriented image data and object-oriented neutral image data;

(b) parsing the neutral object-oriented image data into black object-oriented image data, grey object-oriented image data, and object-oriented white image data;

(c) processing the black object-oriented image data, the object-oriented grey image data, and the white object-oriented image data separately from the non-neutral object-oriented image data; and

(d) processing the processed object-oriented black image data, the processed object-oriented grey image data, the processed object-oriented white image data, and the non-neutral object-oriented image data together, whereby the image object's neutral object-oriented image data may be rendered differently from the object's non-neutral object-oriented image data.

C3 5. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said step (c) processes the black, grey, and white image data according to a selected feature set.

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C4 9. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein an image object comprises text, graphic, bitmap or photographic.

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C5 6. (Twice Amended) An object-oriented image processing system, comprising:  
a circuit for parsing composite image data into object-oriented image object data, wherein object-oriented image data comprises image data pertaining to an image object;  
a parsing circuit for parsing the object oriented image data into non-neutral object-oriented image data and neutral object-oriented image data;  
a neutral rendering transform circuit for transforming a color and colorspace of the neutral object-oriented image data; and  
an image processing circuit for processing the transformed neutral image object-oriented data and the parsed non-neutral image object-oriented data together, whereby the image object's neutral object-oriented image data may be rendered differently from the object's non-neutral object-oriented image data.

7. (Twice Amended) The system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said neutral rendering transform means comprises:  
neutral parsing means for parsing the neutral image object-oriented data into black object-oriented image data, grey object-oriented image data, and white object-oriented image data; and  
neutral image processing means for processing the black image object-oriented data, the grey object-oriented image data, and the white object-oriented image data.

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C6 10. (New) The system of claim 6, wherein an image object comprises text, graphic, bitmap or photographic.

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